

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2934

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 2009

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia (for himself and Mr. CONYERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Common Sense in Sen-  
5       tencing Act of 2009”.

6       **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE A SENTENCE BELOW A**  
7       **STATUTORY MINIMUM.**

8       Section 3553 of title 18, United States Code, is  
9       amended by adding at the end the following:

1       “(g) AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE A SENTENCE BELOW A  
2 STATUTORY MINIMUM TO PREVENT AN UNJUST SEN-  
3 TENCE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
4 court may impose a sentence below a statutory minimum  
5 if the court finds that it is necessary to do so in order  
6 to avoid violating the requirements of subsection (a).”.

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